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New Policy By Word Of Mouth

BY ZACH AMAN
Editorials Editor

The Colorado School of Mines has updated its Freedom of Speech policy for the 2006-2007 school year.

Changes predominantly affect off-campus groups and will not change the routine operations of CSM students or student organizations.

"This is not a policy that was created for student problems. The students know what they're supposed to do," said Bob Francisco, Director of Student Life. "You can't enforce it for the outside and not enforce it for the students. We had to draft a policy to handle political situations and protests."

The policy changes were prompted by a lawsuit, filed by "Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust," that challenged the old policy. The demonstration – staged in March of 2004 – proceeded without proper approval by administration. The protest group was asked to leave campus property by CSM Public Safety.

Anne Walker, General Counsel for CSM, said, "Their subsequent suit alleged the School's policy violated their First Amendment rights. Counsel from the Colorado Attorney General's Office defended the School administrators sued in this case and ultimately

convinced the court to dismiss three of the plaintiffs' four claims. The parties settled the remaining claim for declaratory and injunctive relief in June, 2006."

After the June settlement, the administration recognized the need to revise the policy.

"The new 'Facilities Use Policy' was intended to better clarify the School's reasons for managing, within the boundaries of governing law, the time, place and manner of public speech activities on campus, establish a clearer and more efficient process for coordinating such activities, and provide guidelines for access to and use of university facilities in general," said Walker.

According to Walker, the new policy is not intended to affect Freedom of Speech for the CSM student body. There is an appeals process within the policy that affects all decisions made under the new policy.

The new policy, available in the 2006-2006 CSM Brunton, has been expanded to specifically detail procedure for off-campus groups. "Its our job as an institution to protect the students," said Francisco. "Every campus has an administration that decides what's right for that institution. We're trying to do the best we can for CSM."

Career Cram: Record Attendance By Companies

BY SHAEMUS GLEASON
Editor-In-Chief

The Largest Career Day ever will be held on Tuesday Sept 12th in the Stienhauer field house. Over 160 prospective employers will be represented, with 20 still on the waiting list, all with the common goal of recruiting a few CSM students to add to their organization.

In addition to Career Day, the Career Center puts on a series of workshops the week of Sept 4th hosted by industry representative to help better prepare students for career day. For extra preparation the career center will provide resume critiques from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. If you cannot make it in person you can find sample resumes at (http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/career/Career%20Manual/Sample%20Resumes.pdf)

A variety of employment opportunities will be available at career day, from Co-op work experience to full time employment. A full list of exhibitors can be found at (http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/career/Career%20Day%20Fall%202006.pdf). Last year around 2000 graduate and undergraduate students attended career day.

One such student, Colin Fitzgerald, senior says "It gives you a unique opportunity to present yourself and your achievements to multiples employers in a short span of time." Career opportunities are not just limited

to graduating or recently graduated students; there are opportunities to all different levels of education.

For assistance with interview etiquette and preparation, the Career Center provides a series of tips at (http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/career/interview.htm) on everything from how you should dress to potential questions you may be asked by your prospective employer.

If you are unable to attend career day you can always look for job listings on DiggerNet (www.digernet.net).

Students can prepare by:

- 1) Studying the company information.
- 2) Check out the company website.
- 3) Update your resume.

Who: You
What: Career Day
Where: Stienhauer Field House
When: Tuesday Sept. 12; 10am-4:30pm
Why : Get a job



CHASE HOFFMAN/OREDIGGER
The north-pointing front entrance of the new student recreational center begins to take shape. The new facility is nearing completion. It will have a climbing wall, furnished student lounge, brand-new workout equipment, and two gymnasiums.

Finishing Touches New Recreation Center To Open Soon

BY JASON FISH
News Editor

On Jan. 16, 2007, students and faculty will be able to access the brand-new CSM Student Recreation Center. "We are aiming for the 22nd as the actual opening date, after all the inspections," said Brandon Leimbach, Director of Recreational Sports.

The new center broke ground during summer 2005 and will enter its final stages of construction soon.

"We have a lot more space now and better equipment for students," said Leimbach. The center will have a variety of new features than previously found in Volk Gymnasium, the hitherto-sole venue for athletic and in-door events on campus.

The major component will be the main gym. "It will hold about 2500 people during a game, and can be converted for winter graduation to seat about 3000," said Leimbach. All Varsity court sports will perform in this main arena. When not reserved, the main gym can be used by students and staff.

Upon paying activity fees, CSM students can also enjoy a multi-purpose recreation gymnasium—in addition to the main gym—and start such things as pick-up basketball, floor-hockey, and in-door soccer. There will also be a second level running track with windows circumventing the room, giving a view of the mountains and Golden. "The rec gym will have a lot of natural light," said Leimbach.

There will be a student lounge on the first floor with ping pong tables, couches, pool table, vending machines, and a flat-screen television. "We want to give the students a place to just hang out in the new center," said Leimbach. Students will be able to access all the facilities with their BlasterCard, but do not need it to walk through the main corridor or use the lounge.

Additionally, the new center will

boast a climbing wall with cave, full-size pool, and even a hot-tub in the shape of the CSM logo. Another new feature will be the workout room on the second floor. Larger than the weight room in Volk, it will contain all-new equipment and one entire wall will be windows looking out onto east Golden and the Table Mountains. "We have this thing called Cardio-Theater



where you can watch TV while you work out," said Leimbach.

There will be cubbies for stashing sweatshirts and backpacks at the entrance to the workout facilities and day lockers are available to rent. "We have done some research on student locker use and we have found a better option would be to rent out lockers for a day rather than by semester," said Leimbach.

The recreation facilities will only be available for CSM students (free) and faculty (paid membership). Alumni can also purchase a membership and use the center. All users must pass through the Control Desk in the northeast corner of the building.

The hours for the new gym will be different than those of Volk. As of now, the center will be open M-R: 6am-10pm; F: 6am-8pm; Sat: 10am-8pm; Su: 12pm-10pm. "We want to give some more flexibility, especially for those students who want to come in and work out on Sunday afternoons after a busy weekend," said Leimbach.

Volk Gymnasium will remain as it is now, but it will be more oriented towards Varsity Athletics and athletics

classes. Intramural sports, club sports, and other events will generally take place in the new center. "No more playing hoops in the Fieldhouse," said Leimbach.

There will also be classes held in the new center as scheduled. "I feel it is a disservice to the students to not have classes in the new facility," said Leimbach. All scheduling of events, classes, and games will be posted both at the center and online.

Leimbach estimates the new, updated Rec Sports website will be up and running by the end of September. Leimbach and John Howard, Director of Intramural and Club Sports have been working to get the center's policies and regulations written up for review by the center's project oversight board. "I am going to create a member information brochure that will be out by October 1st," said Leimbach.

Leimbach and Howard are positive about the impact of having this new facility on campus. "Every college around has its own rec center. It is about time we had our own." Said Howard, Leimbach and Howard have offices in the student center and are happy to answer any questions about the new addition to the CSM campus.

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Arriving Shortly

By Chase Hoffman
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Release Date: Sept. 8th

The Covenant

Screen Gems Inc.
Action/Thriller, Rated NA
Starring: Steven Strait, Sebastian Stan, Toby Hemingway

Directed by Renny Harlin (also directed *Cliffhanger* and *Die Hard 2*)

Summary: Four young men are a part of a secret brotherhood or 'covenant' that gives them seemingly omnipotent powers. When the fifth member shows up, it's nothing like a nice family reunion.

Impression: The trailer builds you up for some doomsday scenario and then it spirals into something like a high school squabble between the supernatural. My recommendation is to conduct a séance for the late Kitzers, your unlucky kitten, and stay home.

Hollywoodland

Focus Features
Drama, Rated R
Starring: Adrien Brody, Ben Affleck, Diane Lane

Directed by Allen Coulter

Summary: Private Eye Louis Simo (Brody) investigates the death of George Reeves, the star of 'Superman' TV series. The death was called a suicide but Simo thinks otherwise. This is based off of the true story of Reeves and has never been solved.

Impression: Drama, Mystery, Suicide, Murder, Adultery, Deception. All good and unfortunately common. The unique part is the truthful plot (at least half of it). All in all, you should be entertained, but not wow-ed.

The Protector

Weinstein Company
Action/Martial Arts, Rated R
Starring: Tony Jaa
Directed by Prachya Pinkaew (also directed *Ong-bak*)

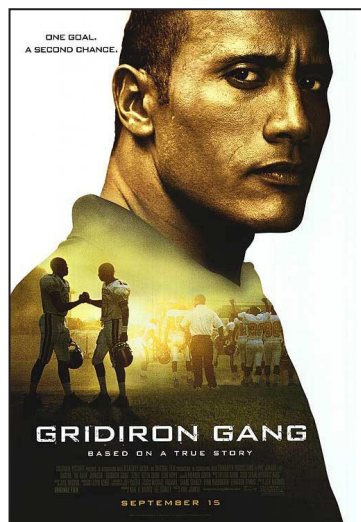
Summary: A sacred elephant has been stolen and Kham (Jaa) heads to Australia to kick ass and take names.

Impression: Okay, so there isn't much for plot, but those of you who know of *Ong-bak* this should be pretty amazing. Tony Jaa surpasses Jet Li and Jackie Chan, combined.

Release Date: Sept. 15th

Gridiron Gang

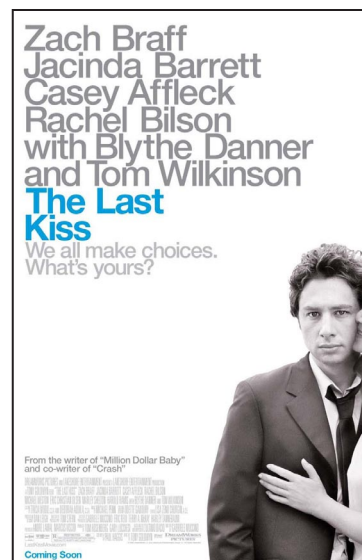
Columbia Pictures
Action/Drama, Rated PG-13
Starring: Duane Johnson (The Rock), Alvin Joiner (Xzibit)
Directed by Phil Joanou



Courtesy www.impawards.com

Summary: A counselor at a prison in Texas has the idea to start a football team to help improve the behavior of the inmates.

Impression: This is like *The Longest Yard* and *Friday Night Lights* combined. Unfortunately, quality is not additive. Cheap thrill if you're in the mood.



Courtesy www.impawards.com

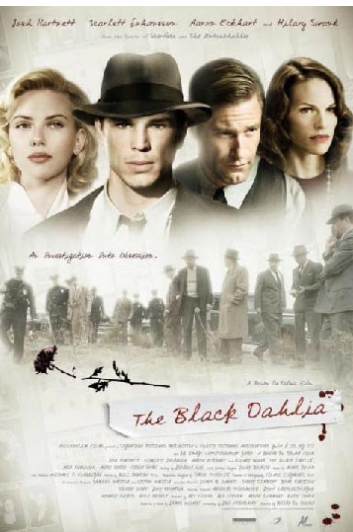
The Last Kiss

DreamWorks SKG
Drama, Rated R
Starring: Zach Braff, Jacinda Barrett, Rachel Bilson, Eric Christian Olsen

Directed by Tony Goldwyn

Summary: After a life that is 'too normal,' Michael (Braff) is questioning his future with his girlfriend, Jenna (Barrett), especially with the appearance of the energetic Kim.

Impression: This is pretty cool little drama because it relates very close to the possible lives of us engineers. Braff and Goldwyn are a cut above their peers.



Courtesy www.impawards.com

The Black Dahlia

Universal Pictures
Drama, Rated R
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson, Aaron Eckhart, Mia Kirshner

Directed by Brian De Palma (also directed *Mission Impossible*)

Summary: This based off of the notorious murder of Elisabeth Short, an aspiring actress, in the history of California. She was brutally killed and mutilated and led to possible corruption within the police.

Impression: This is similar to *Hollywoodland*, but I give the advantage to this one. This details a different

and more interesting murder where speculation is wild. Definitely a good time if you enjoy mysteries.

Festival of Drunken Hilarity

By Chase Hoffman
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

"It eez da greatest bier in all de verld!" You will com out of theatre spouting soon-to-be classic quotes from the makers of the cult classic *Super Troopers*.

Jay Chandrasekhar directs again with Kevin Heffernan writes alongside.

Comparatively, the two films are similar in overall comedic style and quality, but definitely no repetition of jokes.

The cast is great. All of main characters of *Super Troopers* return as your main cast here. You can tell they discovered their own particular niches and can feed off each other's energy.

On screen, the result is hilarious. Not one joke ruined and no opportunity left unfun. Granted the humor is slap stick and low brow, but nonetheless hilarious.

As far as plot goes, don't be stupid enough to put anything into it. The idea was at least strong enough so that they could have their 'fight club' of beer games, but later in the movie some twists are almost distracting.

For any who loves Coors lab or Caps or Beer Pong or just drinking alone, you should love this flick.



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Next Saturday (9/16)

-Megadeth w/ Lamb of God
Coors Ampetheatre- 4:30 pm
\$20.00-\$35.00



Where to go



Mines and Golden

Tomorrow (9/7)

- Astronomy Club- 7 pm
MH 375
- Ballroom Dancing- 7:30
Ballrooms DE
- Movie Night- "Nacho Libre"
9:30 Ballrooms ABC
- ORC Full Moon Hike 9:00
(Register by noon today)

Friday (9/8)

- Mines Men's Soccer vs. Metro
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- Golden Movies and Music in
the Park (Parfet Park-10th and
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 - o John Chandler-7 pm
 - o Indiana Jones and the Last
Crusade (After Dusk)

Saturday (9/9)

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Boys
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Brooks Field

What to Know

Denver

Baseball

- Rockies host
the Washington
Nationals Tonight-
Sunday at Coors
Field

Festivals

- Brew at the
Zoo- Denver Zoo
9/8 6:30-10 (21+)
- Oktoberfest-
Larimer Square
9/8-9/17 Friday thru
Sunday nights

M-Climb 2006



How to be a Happy Freshman

By Chase Hoffman
Assistant Editor-In-Chief

What would I want to have known if I was a freshmen again? Probably the true differences between the real world and the world of CSM. In fact, I still want to know those, but I can at least pass on my nuggets of wisdom mined from the mistakes my peers and me.

How to succeed in classes. First, that whole two hours outside of class for every hour in class is true. If you roll your eyes, drop out now. It really isn't that much time and getting an A on a physics test is much better feeling than those extra levels you gained in World of Warcraft. Also, the sooner you finish; the sooner you can play. Having free time without homework in the back is far more relaxing and stress relieving.

How to graduate in time. This is simple. Summer School. After freshmen year, there is a plethora classes to take, but down the road there are few classes available. Likely, you won't be able to score an internship after freshmen anyway. It's worth it, trust me. Setting this as a goal for yourself will keep you motivated and studious.

How to stay in shape. Join an IM league, Club Sport, or just find a work out buddy. Someone else motivating you and you reciprocating in turn will keep you healthy. Endorphins give you a natural high during and after exercise and reduce stress.

How to stay calm and manage stress. This is really just a combination of the above. Exercise, Good grades and Goals are big. In this case, video games can be good too. Brainless activities calm a restless mind and sometimes you just have to give yourself a break.

How to get help. There's office hours that professor must attend. Help sessions are common for most freshmen classes. Upperclassmen have been through what you have and always provide useful advice. Not only has the campus set up several ways to get advice, but your friends reliable for working out problems, school related or otherwise.

How to get the girl. First, get in your car and drive at least 20 miles in any direction. Get out and walk up to a cute girl and say "Hi, my name is ____." Be friendly, show interest, ask for her number, call her a few days later, take her out. If you want to try your luck on campus, you're on your own.



Chase Hoffman/Oredigger

Students Connect at Celebration of Mines



Top 10 Ways to Succeed

According to one graduating senior - who failed CSM 101 as freshman and had to write a 10-page paper as a senior for course credit - success includes:

1. Work hard at the beginning of a semester to get ahead of classes right away.

2. Stay head of classes throughout the semester, avoiding a need to play catch-up

3. Read material before it is covered in lecture-this makes lectures easy to follow and helps reinforce the concepts learned.

4. Consider starting o learn the material before the start of a emester

5. Make an effort to take an interest in the material.

6. Find a student organization you like and stick with it.

7. Cultivate at lest a few close friendships, inside or outside of school

8. Don't take a demanding job while a full-time student.

9. In the event of a crisis, consider taking time off from school.

10. Don't tie your identity to your grades. (Courtesy of SDAS)

A male student in a white t-shirt is holding a white frisbee. He is looking at the camera. The background shows a tent and other students.

Three students are in military uniforms. One is wearing a white t-shirt and camouflage pants, another is wearing a camouflage t-shirt and pants, and the third is wearing a black t-shirt and pants. They are standing under a tent.

Three students are painting a mural. They are standing around a table with paint and brushes. The mural is on a large board and has colorful designs.

Two students are in martial arts uniforms. They are wearing black uniforms and are holding long sticks. They are standing on a grassy area.

A male student in a white t-shirt with a horse logo is standing in front of a booth. The booth has a blue banner that says "GE PHYSICS". There are other students and equipment in the background.

Two students are sitting at a table. The table has a yellow banner that says "MINES CLUB TENNIS". There are tennis rackets and balls on the table.

A female student in a white martial arts uniform with a black belt is performing a move. She is barefoot and has her arms in a specific position.

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The Marijuana Amendment...

Conservative: Drugs Kill



Konrad Klett, Assistant Sports Editor

Marijuana could very well become legal as of December 7 of this year if Colorado citizens vote yes on Amendment 44. Anyone in the state over twenty-one would be able to legally possess one ounce or less of marijuana. But if it does become legal, will that bode well for Colorado? First of all, it would still be illegal according to federal law. So it would be legal for about five minutes (I exaggerate of course) until the federal government steps in.

The main problem most critics have with the cannabis is that it seen as a gateway drug. Basically, Mary Jane isn't seen as even being that bad but it often leads to harder drugs. Like most other students here, I was present during a speech given to my entire freshman class on drugs and alcohol. The speaker told his life story and how drugs and alcohol nearly killed him. He started out by drinking and smoking at a very young age (early teens), but didn't have a severe problem until later on when he began to abuse harder drugs such as cocaine (it's a helluva drug). What I got out of that speech concerning marijuana was that while its abuse is certainly not a good thing, the fact

that it statistically leads to other, more dangerous forms of substance abuse was the real danger of lighting up. Although you would have to smoke cubic feet of weed to actually die from it alone, the other drugs it often leads to can easily kill even in one dose.

Besides the obvious gateway abilities of cannabis, weed itself is not exactly healthy, either. Many people who support the new amendment argue that alcohol, legal though it may be, is far more dangerous and it is ridiculous to outlaw something that isn't as dangerous. *Processed* weed however, is not exactly "safe", either. One joint has over four times the tar of one cigarette. I could go on and on about how bad it is to inhale smoke directly into your lungs, but that should be obvious to any Mines student. People know it's bad, but they smoke anyway. So how about "special brownies" and other delightful baked goods? I actually spoke with a chemistry professor (who shall remain nameless) about this subject and while they are definitely better for your respiratory system, the THC can still cause brain damage in the long term.

While alcohol is socially acceptable in almost all circles where it is being consumed legally, weed is not nearly as readily accepted. So even if it becomes legal, will it become accepted? Most of us have probably seen our parents or

even teachers have a drink or two, but can you imagine one of them lighting up? Only time will tell, but if you decide to vote yes on Amendment 44, think of the children.

Ballot Language

Ballot Title: An amendment to section 18-18-406 (1) of the Colorado revised statutes making legal the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana for any person twenty-one years of age or older.

Text of Proposal:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 18-18-406 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

18-18-406. Offenses relating to marijuana concentrate. (1) Any person UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE who possesses not more than one ounce of marijuana commits a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not

Liberal: Freedom First



Zach Aman, Editorials Editor

The past century has provided Americans with astounding examples of the delicate balance

between freedom and security with arguments such as prohibition, gay marriage, and abortion. While some viewed these issues as abominations of American freedom, others viewed them as pinnacles of such – given that the freedoms are responsibly exercised. Today, these perspectives rage on with a new topic – marijuana.

In the past few years, the idea of marijuana has transcended the boundary from conceptually criminal into a choice of lifestyle. Today, an entire spectrum of marijuana users exists, ranging from common derelicts to business executives. Regardless, we must recognize that marijuana is an integral part of American society – it *defined* the Woodstock and Vietnam era.

When we look at the aforementioned historical debates, we can recognize two classically distinct opinions. The first holds that the populous doesn't know well enough not to hurt itself, so "freedoms" must be restricted vis-à-vis legislation; we

see the PATRIOT Act and the 18th Amendment as shining examples of this mentality. On the other hand, we also have the established perspective that citizens have the absolute right to choose anything and everything they want out of life. In other words, no person or entity – especially Federal or State Governments – should have the right to dictate the choices that an individual makes; the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment, and *Roe v. Wade* are perfect examples here.

The former mentality relies predominantly on moral superiority to carry its point – we see this emerging from an assorted delineation of Christian moral values.

The more holistic worldview, however, draws on universally excepted fundamentals of human rights as well as direct and indirect reasoning from the US Constitution.

If we look at the latter of these and apply it to the argument at hand, we come up with a remarkable insight – the right to choose. *Griswold v. Connecticut* and *Roe v. Wade* were never about abortion or contraceptives – they were about the right to privacy. Through these two landmark cases, the Supreme Court set forth this implied right as a product of the First, Fourth, Fifth,

and Eighth Amendments.

The difficulty in the marijuana debate exists where many conservatives refuse to acknowledge the Right to Privacy as a valid Constitutional argument. As a note to those conservatives, surrender; you argued your point for each of these cases and you lost – pure and simple. Today, the Right to Privacy is as valid of a Constitutional argument as your *precious* Second Amendment.

Therefore, this simple piece of marijuana legislation is – past the surface – so much more significant than a validation for the University of Colorado student body. It's the abortion debate of the twenty-first century, where citizens are presented with two options: seize your God-given freedom of choice or allow a bureaucrat to seize it for you.

Realize that a vote in this election has nothing to do with whether or not you personally want to pull a George. Rather, it's about how far you are willing to let the government encroach upon the freedoms that millions of Americans have died to protect.

Nelson Mandela once wrote, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

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Next week's ballot issue:
Colorado Marriage Amendment

MINES' GOGGLES



CSM Student Perspectives...

“How do you feel about the proposed marijuana amendment?”



Colby Childress

“If it were a capital offense I wouldn’t mind.”



Tyler Luxner

“We waste money on prosecuting marijuana offenders.”



2nd Lt. Murphy

“If you want to get high, get high, but I don’t smoke weed.”



Caryn Stefoni

“But it’s not legal to smoke it? That doesn’t make any sense at all.”



Patrick Stauch

“I’ve never really had a problem with marijuana, but I don’t use it personally.”

Losing the Wrong Rights



Hilary Brown, Features Editor

The founding fathers wrote the Constitution, intending it to be a dynamic document. But even when adjusting to new challenges, there are several ideals that should not be altered. Amendments One through Ten protect the rights of citizens. Further amendments are intended to clarify items not addressed in the Bill of Rights. The process of judicial review is meant to uphold the integrity of the Constitution and balance the whims of Congress and the executive branch.

The Supreme Court case, *Kelo v. City of New London*, was argued over the specifics of the last part of Amendment Five. It reads “nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.” The 2005 Supreme Court case debated the definition of “public use.”

In this case, private property was bought by the city, who then sold it to private developers. When does private development constitute public use? Apparently when the city has an “economic plan” in mind and it involves increasing tax revenues through high profile development of hotels and health clubs. This loose definition of public use makes it increasingly easy for the government to exercise eminent domain.

Key developments in Western civilization have been linked to the creation of private property. By recognizing that individuals have property, material as well as intellectual, societies were able to attain new height of economic and scientific development. These rights are guaranteed to US Citizens in the Constitution. Yet, even the Supreme Court supports idea that private property no longer exists through its recent ruling.

Many Americans do not even

realize that their rights are being taken away by the federal government. Anyone who has read the Bill of Rights should be appalled by government initiatives during the last several years.

The Patriot Act was renewed at the beginning of this year. The federal government is not wrong to react to the terrorist threat. The threat, however, is greatly exaggerated by federal fear-mongering. Terrorists are dangerous, but life requires one to face danger from time to time. The fact that the government uses terrorism as an excuse to strip citizens of their civil liberties is unnerving.

The Patriot Act doesn’t discourage terrorism; it simply denies citizens and suspects of rights outlined in the Constitution. Many of the sections were set to expire at the end of 2005, but Congress renewed them all. The Patriot Act allows the government to police its own citizens as if we are suspects.

Specifically, sections 213 and 215 violate Amendments Four and Five. Four states that, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated.” Furthermore, the Fifth says that citizens will not “be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.” The problem with the Patriot Act is that it redefines the due process of law, by allowing agents to step outside judicial review to obtain information.

In Section 213, agents are allowed to use “sneak and peek” searches. This means that agents can enter a citizen’s home (whether the individual is home or not), search, take, alter, and copy anything in your home. They do not

need a warrant nor do they *ever* have to inform you that it occurred.

Section 215 gives agents the power to request intensely personal records. Agents have access to medical records of physical and mental health, financial records, student records, and more. An individual’s private records are now privy to federal agents. Warrants are required, but only as a formality. Judges are compelled to grant a warrant if it is requested by a federal agent. Compulsion is not fair and unbiased; judicial review should be.

Loss of privacy to federal agents is a terrifying step towards a police state, where individuals lose all rights. Without privacy, which includes thoughts and ideas, individuals cannot exist. The death of democracy is drawing near. The US Constitution is becoming meaningless words — nothing more than historical literature.

Near the anniversary of 9-11, we must ensure that the dead are remembered. The terrorists who attacked the United States were opposed to democracy, freedom, and US involvement in the Middle East. We should not appease terrorists by eliminating democracy and freedom from our own society.

As long as the US claims to promote democracy abroad, it needs to promote democracy on its own soil. Benjamin Franklin said that “they who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security.” By this standard, very few US citizens actually deserve the rights granted in the Constitution. Do *you* deserve them?

“The Patriot Act doesn’t discourage terrorism.”

Airport Security – Post 9/11



Bruce Bugbee, Sports Editor

The only difference between airports and prisons today is that in airports you can get those little bags of peanuts.

Five years after 9/11 changed the way everyone looked at the world, we are beginning to truly see what the effects of that dreadful day. Airports are now Constitution-free zones. The ideas of privacy and free speech no longer exist once you step past the ticket counter. Once you buy that ticket, you are conceding all rights to privacy, fair treatment, and freedom of speech. An airline passenger is now nothing more than a prisoner with a boarding pass.

Before I continue let me say that I both love America and feel that increased security is necessary—to an extent. But once the “security” starts trampling on the Constitution I have to draw the line.

With every new incident of attempted terrorism the restrictions become tighter and tighter. Some I can understand. After 9/11 common items such as nail clippers and disposable razors began being confiscated and classified as “potential weapons”. It’s not really that much of a stretch to see the danger in these

grooming tools. After all, the 9/11 hijackers only needed to use box cutters to change the world. But with every new uncovered plot, the frenzy to compensate for security breaches is ridiculous. The government now has unlimited power in these arenas and just has to cite “public safety” as reasoning behind any questionable actions.

A perfect example of all this is the story of Raed Jarrar. Jarrar, a United States citizen and architect, was recently stopped from boarding his JetBlue flight from New York to California not because of any weapons or chemicals or anything else banned from airplanes, but because of his tee-shirt. Jarrar was wearing a black tee-shirt with the phrase “We Will Not Be Silent” written in both English and Arabic. Security officers approached him after he had already been searched twice and told him he must remove the shirt or not be allowed on the plane.

The only reasoning the security officers gave was that the Arabic portion of the shirt might be some kind of code or message used to signal other terrorists. This is a sample of the shockingly large number of cases like this that occur everyday at airports throughout the United States. There have been reported

cases of airport officials confiscating heart medicine, pens, baby formula, and other essential items that many passengers carry. The only logic tying together these outlandish cases is that the items might be used as a weapon. I find it extremely unreasonable to take someone’s heart medication away from them on the grounds they might try to knock a 747 out of the sky with it. Just about everything can become a weapon if you really get creative enough. Prison inmates have found ways to melt and harden plastic wrap and turn them into makeshift daggers. Does that mean that all the airlines should stop covering the meals with plastic?

The fact that air travel in the U.S. needs increased security is undeniable. There are forces out there that have tried and tried again to cause panic and mayhem in an effort to destroy what we have built. The U.S. has always been the bastion of democracy and freedom in the world, thus making us a very visible target. But with the way things are going now, it seems as if our government is helping our enemies’ cause more than anything. When our own government begins to impede on our fundamental rights, one has to draw a line. If our freedoms are what make our country so great, why is our government so quick to throw them away?

“It seems as if our government is helping our enemies’ cause more than anything.”



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Get Out and Play Guy

CSM hires new IM Sports Director

By Katy Kokeman
Staff Reporter

The Colorado School of Mines has added another member to the ranks of its admin faculty. This member, though, recently came from a different set of ranks.

John comes to us from Springfield, Illinois, where he served eight years in the Air National Guard. While serving, he was in charge of cooking, lodging, and recreation.

Besides coaching his nephew's baseball team, his most rewarding experience was when he worked in Kuwait. He earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management at Western Illinois University and went on to earn a master's degree in Recreation Administration.

John came to Colorado for the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Conference where he met Brandon Leimbach, Colorado School of Mines' Director of Recreational Sports.

After meeting Brandon, John came to CSM as a recreational sports intern. He chose this career path because he enjoys being active; and he wants to be involved in sports because that's what he loves!

He is very passionate about what he does, and he is always trying to

make improvements. As the new director of Intramural and Club Sports, he is trying to refine the program in the hope of making it more professional. The Intramural Sports Program here at Mines has over 40 different sports, so there really is something for everyone.

The goal of the program is to "offer a variety of opportunities, to provide healthful exercise, promote leisure, as well as enhance personal development and social interactions for the Mines community".

Some of the team sports include dodgeball, flag football, golf, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, tennis, and soccer. In addition, there are individual and dual sports including golf and bowling.

Arena football and hockey will also be options once the new recreational facility is up and running. John encourages participation in club and intramural sports.

He thinks that everyone should, "get out and play because it is fun. It gives people that aren't at the varsity level the opportunity to participate in sports. It is also a great way to meet people."

Even if you don't have a team, you can sign as a "free agent"! So, in the words of the intramural sports department, "GET OUT AND PLAY!"

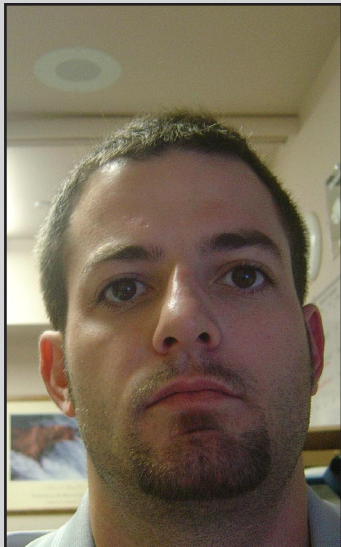


Photo Courtesy of John Howard
John Howard, Director of Intramural and Club Sports, is the latest addition to the CSM faculty.

ORC Climbs the Limits

By Konrad Klatt
Assistant Sports Editor

From mountain biking to snowshoeing, whitewater rafting to hiking, rock climbing, and kayaking, the Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) has offerings for everyone from the "never-been" to the "been there, done that, got the T-shirt".

The ORC, located at Mines Park, not only organizes trips but also provides equipment for checkout and informational workshops.

The ORC bikeshop offers tune ups for discounted rates as well as tunes for skies and snowboards.

ORC staff can even be hired to conduct leadership training for workshops, retreats and group meetings.

The ORC has several upcoming events including a mountain biking trip at Keystone and a hiking trip on Grays and Torreys.

For more information, contact 303-273-3184, or email outdoor.recreation@is.mines.edu

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 10am - 6pm
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Mtn. Biking at Keystone
Sept. 9

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday 9/6 by noon

This ski resorts turns into a mountain biking haven in the summer and fall. Ride some glorious single track trails down the mountain through aspen and pine groves while enjoying beautiful views of the valley. This trip is designed for intermediate cyclists, some downhill experience is preferred.

The cost of this trip is \$5 and doesn't include your lift ticket, however if you have a five mountain ski pass lift tickets are buy one get one free so we can work out lift tickets at the pre-trip meeting. There will be a mandatory pre-trip meeting on 9/6 at the ORC at 8 pm.

Fourteeners Grays & Torreys

September 9th

Registration Deadline:

Wed. 9/6 by noon

Accompany us as we attempt to summit the 14,270 ft. Grays Peak and the 14,267 Torreys Peak. Grays and Torreys are two of Colorado's most famous 14er's. Grays is the highest peak



on the Continental Divide between the origin of the Pacific-Atlantic divide on Snow Dome in the Canadian Rockies and the Mexican Border.

There will be a pre-trip meeting Wed. 9/6 at 9 pm. Cost: \$10 and includes leadership, transportation planning and preparation and equipment.

Bike Tune-Up Special:
Sept. 11 - Sept. 15



Bring your bike in for a tune-up and save some cash. We are offering full bike tunes for only \$15 for one week only! Stop by whether you are riding a \$100 Huffy or a \$4,000 downhill bike.

We'll be sure to give your ride lots of love. See our website for a complete description of what our tune-up

includes. If you aren't sure if you need a tune or not check out our website; we also have a list of questions that should help you determine if your bike needs work. We will accept bikes all week long however we work on bikes on a first come first serve basis so don't wait until Fri. afternoon to stop by.

Climbing Anchors Work shop:

Monday, September 11th

Learn the basics of anchor set up. This Free hands-on workshop is designed to introduce climbers to top rope anchor construction as well as trad. (traditional) and sport climbing anchor building techniques. We will spend the evening placing traditional protection and learning techniques to build fast, efficient and bomber anchors. We will meet at the ORC at 6:30 pm. If you want to take your climbing to the next level don't miss this great opportunity.

Wednesday Wall Night

September 13th

Only \$10 for transportation, admission to the gym (regular admission is between \$10-\$15), equipment rental, and instruction. Instruction always includes the basics but can also include a climbing technique class and a lead climbing class. Come try something new, or work on your skills and meet fellow climbers. All abilities are welcome. Don't be the last person on campus to go to a wall night! We will depart from the ORC at 6:00 PM and return between 9:30 and 10:00.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday 9/12 by noon.

Kayaking at Clear Creek

September 16th

Join the ORC and the CSM Kayak Club for a day of free kayaking at Clear Creek. Stop by the kayak park between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This is a great way to meet fellow kayakers, learn about the Kayak Club, and give kayaking a try. We will meet by the bleachers in the kayak park. See you there! Sponsored by the ORC & the Mines Kayak Club.

IM Schedule Packed With Aces and Deuces

Golf Scramble (M/W)

Deadline: 9/7

Tourney: 9/14

Wiffle Ball (M/W)

Deadline: 9/7

Tourneys: 9/8

Disc Golf – Singles (M/W)

Deadlines: 9/7

Tourneys: 9/10

Tennis Singles

Deadline: 9/14

Tourney: 9/16

Chess (Open)

Deadline: 9/14

Tourney: 9/18

John Madden '07 (Open)

Deadline: 9/21

Tourney: 9/24

Racquetball – Singles (M/W)

Deadline: 9/21

Tourney: 9/25

3vs3 Basketball (M/W)

Deadline: 9/28

Tourney: 10/2

Disc Golf – Doubles (M/W)

Deadline: 9/28

Tourney: 10/1

Cross Country (M/W)

Deadline: 10/5

Tourney: 10/7

Free Throw Contest (M/W)

Deadline: 10/5

Draft: 10/9

Indoor Soccer (M, W, CR)

Deadline: 10/12

Tourney: 10/15

Tiger Woods '06 (Open)

Deadline: 10/19

Tourney: 10/22

Bowling 4per team(M/W)

Deadline: 10/26

Tourney: 11/1

Kickball (Open)

Deadline: 11/2

Tourney: 11/5

Texas Hold 'Em (Open)

Deadline: 11/2

Tourney: 11/6

Table Tennis – Singles (M/W)

Deadline: 11/9

Tourney: 11/15

Swim Meet (M/W)

Deadline: 11/16

Tourney: 11/18

NBA Live '07 (Open)

Deadline: 11/16

Tourney: 11/19

Monster Dodgeball (M/W)

Deadline: 11/16

Tourney: 11/28

Bouncing into Hall of Fame

By Katy Kokeman
Staff Reporter

Mines will be welcoming back the members of the 1980-1981 men's basketball team who still hold the best record in the school's history at 21-6. On Sept. 16 the team will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The team, lead by coach Jim Darden, went 2-1 in the NAIA District 7 Tournament beating Fort Lewis and Denver. In the semi-final game, Mines beat Regis in an extremely close game with a final score of 43-41.

They made it to the district championship game, but lost to Western New Mexico University after beating them two times during the regular season. On December 8th, 1980, the team also defeated Northern Arizona, Division I, 79-77 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Members of the team include:

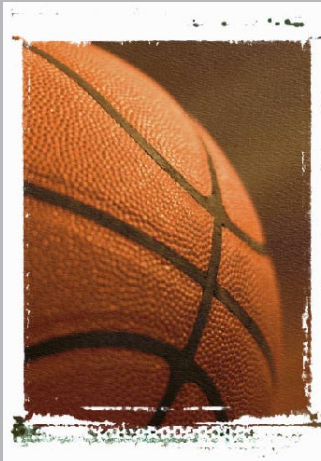
Paul Trousil, Greg Thomas, Doug Genty, Tim Hermann, Bob Netzel, Darrel Miller, Bert Fleck, Dave Scheidegger, Paul Groven, Pete Koclanes, Greg Larrabee, and Jeff Rhodes.

The five starters were all juniors. Fleck and Hermann lead the team in scoring. Each of them averaged over 18 points per game. Rhoades led the team in rebounding, averaging 11 rebounds per game.

The team started the season off with a 7-0 record and finished the season off right with 9 consecutive wins prior to the loss in the district championship game.

Hermann, Fleck and Rhoades were named to the All-RMAC team, and Fleck and Rhoades were named to the NAIA District 7 All-Star Team.

We congratulate them on their accomplishments and welcome them into the Hall of Fame.



MLB Playoff Picture Develops

Mines Recap

CSM Athletics Department
Sept. 3, 2006

Women's Soccer

The Colorado School of Mines women's soccer team topped Adams State this afternoon after a 3-2 win in overtime. Freshman forward Kayla Mitchell scored her second game winning goal of the season, and her third overall Sunday afternoon as the Orediggers got their second win of the season against the ASC Grizzlies. Defender Ann Newman got the Orediggers off to a 1-0 start, with her goal in the thirteenth minute of the first half. Grizzlies Sara Lyles answered back with her goal with just ten minutes

Cross Country

The CSM Cross Country team kicked off their 2006 season at the annual CU Time Trial in Boulder this weekend.

Mines sat out some of their top male competitors, as the newcomers had a chance to show what they had. The women's team was led by senior Serena Gardiner, who finished in a time of 23:29 which placed her ninth overall. For the men, Aaron Huen was the first, for Mines with a time of 28:00 putting him 20th overall. Ryan Inman ran unattached and came in 18th with a time of 27:47. Mines will return to action Sept. 16 at the Woody Greeno Invite in Lincoln, Neb. This will be the first meet where Mines will run their top runners.

Volleyball

The Colorado School of Mines volleyball team wound up 1-3 in the 2006 Days Inn Denver West/Oredigger Volleyball Classic after dropping a 3-0 decision to Slippery Rock on Saturday night in its final game of the Classic. Game scores were 30-22, 30-17, 30-22. CSM (3-5) was led by junior middle hitter Nicole Leeper who produced nine kills and hit .692 for the match. Junoir setter Ashley Pagel added another double-double with 30 assists and 10 digs, while senior outside hitter Caitlin Mabe chipped in seven kills and three digs. SRU (7-1) received a match-best 21 kills and eight digs from Anastasia Urbanik, while Sara Kirsch dished out 46 assists. Jen Blasko tallied eight kills and a match-high 15 digs

Golf

CSM golfer Mark Vallee recently picked up three more awards following his outstanding season.

The awards included being named to the Golf Coaches Association of America PING All-Northwest Region and All-American Teams, as well as being selected to the Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar Team.

Vallee was First Team selection to the All-Region and Scholar Teams and an Honorable Mention pick on the All-America Team.

Earlier this year, the senior-to-be earned All-RMAC honors for the second straight year with his third place finish at the conference championships. In addition, he qualified for the NCAA Division II Northwest Regional Championships for the second straight season and tied for medalist honors with a three-round total of 215. He missed out on qualifying for the NCAA Division II National Championships in a sudden death playoff.



Courtesy New York Times
Ryan Howard hitting his league leading 53rd HR

By Bruce Bugbee
Sports Editor

With just a few more weeks left in the Major League Baseball season, this year's playoff picture is finally coming into view. While many divisions have a clear favorite, there are still a few playoff spots that are up for grabs. Here are the Oredigger's predictions at this year's playoffs.

AL East

In a year that started off with the Red Sox looking poised to finally unseat the Yankees as AL East champs, a combination of huge trades and heartbreaking injuries catapulted the Yankees into the driver's seat. The Yankees' addition of Cory Lidle, and Bobby Abreu at the trade deadline

gave them a depth that strikes fear in the hearts of teams everywhere. After great summer, the Red Sox virtually fell apart at the seams with injuries to Doug Mirabelli, Trot Nixon, Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, and team captain Jason Varitek. Once the Yankees swept the Red Sox in a five game series in mid-August, Boston fans will have to wait until next year for another chance at that ever-elusive pennant.

Winner: New York Yankees

AL Central

This year was supposed to be an easy year for the reigning world champion White Sox but the emergence of the Tigers as an actual team as opposed to a team of overpaid Little Leaguers threw a wrench into those plans. With the best road record in

baseball, the Tigers have established themselves one of the best teams in the American League. While the White Sox are still a force to be reckoned with, look for the Tigers to go on and take the pennant.

Winner: Detroit Tigers

AL West

Up until a month ago, the AL West was the most competitive league in baseball. With all four teams separated by no more than four games, each game played could easily sway each team's playoff hopes. That was until the Oakland Athletics went 22-6 over the month of August. This was enough to launch the A's into an 8 game lead over the rest of the division. Look for veteran Frank Thomas to continue to make an impact on this team in September.

Winner: Oakland Athletics

AL Wildcard

The only two teams that are really in contention for the wild card are the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins. Separated by only half a game, it's easy to make a case for a playoff berth for either team. When it comes down to it the playoff experience and sheer depth of talent will be what give the White Sox that extra nudge into this year's playoffs.

Winner: Chicago White Sox

NL East

The New York Mets have all but clinched the NL East pennant. With the emergence of David Wright as one of baseballs shining stars and a solid 16 game lead, it would take an act of God to keep the Mets out of the playoff this year.

Winner: New York Mets

NL Central

Regardless of a less than stellar season and a recent losing streak, look for the St. Louis Cardinals to ride their

slim six game lead into the playoffs this year. Far from the new "Murder's Row" that epitomized the Cardinals in previous years, this years incarnations have been plagued by weak starting pitching and injuries. The only things keeping the Cardinals in the pennant race lead are the MVP caliber numbers of Albert Pujols and the Cincinnati Reds' inability to capitalize on opportunities.

Winner: St. Louis Cardinals

NL West

Out of all five teams in the underperforming NL East, there is no clear pick with both San Diego and San Francisco nipping at the heels of the Los Angeles Dodgers. After a hot August that catapulted them from third to first, the Dodgers show no signs of slowing down. Also, more than half of the Dodgers remaining games are against teams whose winning percentage is below .500.

Winner: Los Angeles Dodgers

NL Wildcard

This is the most interesting race in baseball right now. Currently there are 10 teams that could make a viable push for this final playoff spot. Out of all these teams, the Florida Marlins are the best bet to take the wild card. Despite recent front office drama, the fact that they have somehow manage to build the deepest young pitching staff in the game and outstanding performances from Miguel Cabrera and Hanley Ramirez will allow the Marlins to move past their 2 game wild card deficit and make a playoff appearance.

Winner: Florida Marlins

While these predictions are picked with the utmost confidence, the beauty of baseball is that anything can happen. This is never truer in the last few weeks of the season. Get ready to watch some great baseball.

Mines Drops Season Opener

Washburn Trounces Colorado School of Mines, 41-21



Courtesy CSM Athletics Department
QB Garret Mehl went 29-of-41 for 246 yards, 3 TD

CSM Athletics Department
Sept. 2, 2006

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Colorado School of Mines football team dropped its 2006 season opener, 41-21, to Washburn in nonconference

action Saturday afternoon at Moore Bowl at Yager Field.

WU (1-0), the defending MIAA Champions and a Division II Playoff Qualifier last season, opened the scoring by taking the opening kickoff 69 yards in five plays to jump out to a 7-0 lead. The drive was capped when Jor-

dan Brill threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Sam Sissom.

CSM (0-1) was on the verge of tying the game with just over five minutes to play in the first quarter, but the Ichabods stopped the Orediggers thrud and goal and fourth and goal from the 1-yard line.

Washburn then took over at its own 5-yard line and marched 95 yards in 13 plays in just under five minutes to take a 14-0 lead Brill hit Aaron Gardiner from 25-yards out. Brill added his third scoring toss with 11:42 to play in the first half to extend the WU lead to 21-0. This time, he connected with Jake Lebahn from 17 yards out.

CSM sliced the lead to 24-14 at halftime with a pair of quick scores before heading into the locker room. With 35 seconds left, senior Garrett Mehl (Crete, Neb./Crete) threw a 16-yard scoring strike to junior wide receiver Derek Dykstra (Seibert, Colo./Hi Plains).

Washburn fumbled the ensuing kickoff and CSM was able to take advantage as Mehl found paydirt from 8-yards out to cut the lead to 24-14.

However, the Ichabods extended the lead to 34-14 midway through the third quarter when Brill hooked up with Gardiner from 7-yards out.

Mehl added a fourth quarter scoring run of 33-yards, while Brill threw his fifth TD pass of the day, a three-yard strike to Ben Ramsey with just under three minutes to play, to ice the game.

Mehl finished 29-of-41 for 246 yards, one score and three interceptions. He also ran 12 times for 61 yards and two scores. Dykstra caught a career-high 13 passes for a career-best 131 yards and a touchdown, while redshirt freshman linebacker Hunter Wardlaw (Broomfield, Colo./Broomfield) posted a game-best 13 tackles. Senior linebacker Danny Sprague (Wheat Ridge, Colo./Wheat Ridge) added 10 tackles and two sacks.

Brill finished 18-of-27 for 309 yards and five touchdowns. Trent Hearn ran 22 times for 99 yards, while Gardiner caught six passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Zach Watkins led WU with 11 tackles.

Random Fact

The career record for wild pitches is held by Nolan Ryan with 277

Winners and Losers: 2006 NFL Preview



Courtesy Wikipedia.com



Coach Nick Saban and new QB Dante Culpepper hope to turn the Dolphins into a legitimate playoff threat.

By Chase Hoffman
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Kickoff is just around the corner and you're not sure what to expect for this season. Who is going to be the powerhouse? How long will Indy stay undefeated? Will TO go crazy again? Does the cute chick in your math class like you? I can help you with most of these (she just wants you to do her homework, by the way). I'll break it down division by division.

AFC North

The big question here is Carson Palmer. Until recently, there have been a lot who question his confidence, but in his preseason debut, he was electric. The crowd was cheering for everything-- completions, touchdowns, and even standing up after a hit. The Bengals are definitely in position to dominate their division again. As for Pittsburgh, they lost Jerome Bettis and Antwaan Randle-El. Both were offensive threats and they have little to replace them. Don't expect much here, because they were hot last year and luck was a huge factor in the playoffs. Add in the lack of leadership that Bettis brought with him and you're looking at a decent team, but not a real Super Bowl contender. Last thing about this division is Baltimore. They made a few key offensive acquisitions like Steve "Air" McNair from the Titans and Mike Anderson from the Broncos. Kyle Boller was

terribly inconsistent last year and the addition of a proven quarterback with a talented tail back right behind the injury prone Jamal Lewis, put the Ravens in a position to win more games than last year.

AFC East

For years, New England has dominated their division with a near guarantee into the playoffs. For the first time in a long time, this won't be the case. The Patriots are faced with injuries and losses. Tedy Bruschi broke his wrist and they lost David Givens, their No.2 wideout, to the Titans. On top of that, Deion Branch, the former Super Bowl MVP, is now holding out for better contract and seeking offers from other teams. The running game in the icy Northeast has never been able to march the ball down field, especially with Corey Dillon's injury prone nature. Their new rookie, Laurence Maroney, shows promise however. To challenge the once dynasty team in this division is Miami who picked up Daunte Culpepper who suffered a horrible knee injury half way through last season. This is exactly what Miami needs. With Ronnie Brown coming off a great rookie year, the tutelage of Nick Saban, and the Pro-Bowl wideout Chris Chambers, Miami has all the weapons they need to take over the AFC East and make it to the playoffs for the first time since the day of Dan Marino. What about the others? The Bills haven't

made any major acquisitions, but the development of J.P. Losman and Lee Evans is a tandem to look out for. The Jets brought in a new head coach Eric Mangini and have seen the return of Chad Pennington who underwent shoulder surgery last season. In reality, only Miami and New England have playoff hopes.

AFC South

Everyone looks at Indianapolis and you can bet they will be back in the playoffs again. In the offseason, the Colts lost Edgerrin James, the rock-solid running back. Replacing James to balance the offense hasn't been a simple task. With their first round pick of Joesph Addai who was great at LSU and the previous back-up back, Dominic Rhodes, we've seen a competition for the starting position in the back field. As of now, Rhodes is on top and likely going to be the starter, but down the road expect Addai to blossom and take of the starting position. The Texans made a little news with their surprise draft pick of Mario Williams, the defensive end out of NC State. A lot of criticism for passing on Reggie Bush, but in reality "Super" Mario is a great fit, filling a void that could solidify and woeful defense. On the opposite side of the ball, we're looking at David Carr (a.k.a. the Human Piñata) throwing to some new faces like Eric Moulds from Buffalo and Jeb Putzier from the Broncos. With the departure of Domanick Davis to IR, the Texans

signed Ron Dayne who was recently released by the Broncos. Don't forget they have a new head coach as well. Gray Kubiak, the former offensive coordinator of the Broncos, has taken over and despite the Texans' history of losing repetitively; we should expect a few more wins this season, but probably not a winning season. The Titans drafted the well-known Vince Young who has yet to prove that he is worth the money they promised him. Not only that, the Titans signed free agent Kerry Collins who had disappointing season with only five wins despite throwing 3759 yards, only 8% less than last year's season leader.

AFC West

The Broncos made some changes which include the acquisition of Javon Walker who suffered a horrible tear in his near the first week of last season. Ashley Lelie became disgruntle and was traded to the Falcons in a three team deal including the Redskins. With the loss of Mike Anderson, Shanahan brought in Mike Bell, the undrafted rookie from Arizona who has shown promise. Shanahan has questionable, but ever successful methods for the run game. Expect a shaky start that will solidify soon enough. The Broncos first round pick, Jay Cutler, has shown to be one of the best of the rookie quarterbacks so far and could be the next Elway further down the road. As for the rivals, Oakland has picked up Aaron Brooks from the Saints and signed a blast from the past, Jeff George who hasn't played since 2001. San Deigo let go of Drew Brees who found a home in the Big Easy. To replace him is the first round pick from 2003 of Philip Rivers who has been inconsistent yet hopeful in the preseason. Lastly, Kansas City has gained two key figures from the Jets, Herm Edwards and Ty Law. Law should prove that the KC secondary means business and Herm Edwards (for his sake) left the losing in the New York. Larry Johnson is back and ready to take on the season, but I wouldn't expect those spectacular numbers from last year.

NFC North

Last year, no one expected too much offensively from this division. In fact, three of the four teams have new head coaches. Everyone here has made additions to improve the offense. First of all, Minnesota has acquired Chester Taylor from Baltimore and Steve Hutchinson, the left guard from Seattle. Together this makes a better offensive line and running game that can put some relief off of the veteran QB Brad Johnson. Detriot snagged Jon Kitna from the Bengals which should be a good fit with the blossoming Kevin Jones at running back and Roy William at wide receiver together with the offensive mind of Martz who piloted the Rams to the Super Bowl in the days of Kurt Warner. Chicago acquired Brian Griese to back up Rex Grossman under center. Cedric Benson is threatening from the starter job Thomas Jones who rushed for over 1300 yards last season. Green Bay, comparatively, has sat on their hands. The legendary Brett Favre practically carries the season's future in his hands. Ahman Green and Najeh Davenport are back from injuries and if healthy will provide Favre with some variety in order to avoid the record number of 29 interceptions.

NFC East

This is arguably the most competitive division in football right

now. The Eagles are set to bounce back from the train-wreck season last year. McNabb is healthy and with the recently acquired Donte' Stallworth; we're talking about a very potent offensive power house. The Giants are also looking to correct their weaknesses that led to their horrible playoff appearance last January. The Dallas Cowboys have had constant media coverage with the injured but not quiet Terrell Owens. Despite everything you hear, this is a straight up media circus. Just shut your ears and eyes and wait until opening day. Lastly, there is Washington. If they know how to do one thing, it's spending money. They have signed Brandon Lloyd and Antwaan Randle-El for wideouts, T.J. Duckett as a rusher, Andre Carter the pass rusher and Adam Archuleta as a safety. With Clinton Portis, the former Bronco and rushing leader, Washington will not settle for much less than a trip to Miami, site of Super Bowl XLI.

NFC South

This division has been one of the most competitive divisions for the past few year with Carolina and Tampa appearing in Super Bowls. Carolina is a natural Super Bowl contender and with the new addition of Keyshawn Johnson alongside the freakishly good Steve Smith. Jake Delhomme should have no problem finding someone to throw to nearly every play. And the running game is looking good too. DeShaun Foster is back from injury and ready to roll. Also they drafted DeAngelo Williams, running back from Memphis, who had a fantastic 98 yard kick return in the preseason. Atlanta still has everyone favorite left-handed quarterback, Mike Vick who looking to improve this year. Tampa Bay is sticking with the slightly inconsistent but promising Chris Simms, son of Phil Simms. Cadillac Williams had a great rookie year and is looking to become a real star in Florida. Last but not least, we have New Orleans. Distraught from Hurricane Katrina and pitiful season, they are looking up with a new quarterback Drew Brees from San Deigo. Brees is returning from shoulder surgery and Duece McAllister has returned from the heart-breaking ACL tear in the fifth week of last season. Add in the dazzling Reggie Bush from USC and we're talking about winning more games. Reggie has shown only mediocrity in the preseason, but we see occasional glimpse of that speedy near-untouchable rusher.

NFC West

People are speculating on Seattle and their potential for this year. Last season, they were led by the League MVP Shaun Alexander who is as humble as he is good. The loss of Steve Hutchinson hurts Alexander's potential to get 28 touchdowns, but there's no doubt that he can score once or more every game. As for the others, Arizona picked up Edgerrin James who can only help the Cardinals. Unfortunately without a real offensive line, Kurt Warner, Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin, and James are slightly doomed to a losing season. San Francisco is full of young players and has little hope for winning most of its games. St. Louis is sticking to the same group of players, but with a new head coach. If they can reach a more balanced offense and healthy players they should have no problem staying above .500.

CSM Crushes UCCS Mines 5, UCCS 0

CSM Athletics Dept.
Sept. 3, 2006



Courtesy CSM Athletic Dept.
Nick Clausnitzer scored in win over UCCS Sunday

GOLDEN, Colo. - The Colorado School of Mines men's soccer team, rolled to a 5-0 victory over UC-Coronado Springs Sunday afternoon.

After a two goal lead going into halftime, the Orediggers came out hot as they went on a three goal scoring spree in just ten minutes of the second half.

Mines first goal came from a penalty kick made by Craig Thompson (Littleton, Colo./Highlands Ranch) just eleven minutes into the game. The goal is Thompson's third of the season, leading the team. Jason Decker (Butte, Mont./Butte) scored the second goal, making the score

2-0 at half.

The Orediggers third and fifth goals were scored by Cameron Brown (Monument, Colo./Lewis Palmer) and Nick Clausnitzer, (Puyallup, Wash./Rogers) while the fourth was deflected off of a UCCS player.

Goalkeeper Kevin Galloway (Colorado Springs, Colo./Air Academy) came away with his first shutout of the season, saving five shots.

The win is Mines' first of the season and puts them 1-1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Mines will return to action with a home game on Friday night at 7:00 pm against Metro State.

Astronomy Club

Ever watch the sky? Come join the Astronomy Club and learn basic astronomy! Our meetings are Thursday at 7:00 pm. Contact Mark Gefreh at Mgefh@mines.edu with any questions.

CRU

Campus Crusade for Christ. Thurs. @ 8 in SC-D. Everyone welcome, join for worship @ 7 before meetings. .

Circle K

Circle K is a volunteer org. helping people. Got tons of projects, just need you! Contact jrisner@mines.edu.

Dance Team

Interested in dancing? Offers both beginning and advanced classes in: jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and tap. Times & directions, for info contact hbrown@mines.edu.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Weds. 7:30 SC-D&E. All welcome. jwells@mines.edu.

Karate Club

Meets every Moday and Wednesday Night, from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym wrestling room. All levels of experience, from beginner to advanced, are welcome! For more information, contact Jason Dardano at ddardano@mines.edu.

Kendo Club

Where: Field House
When: Wednesday, January 25, 2005 8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Anyone who is interested should attend; we will provide all the information necessary. Practice is open to all skill levels, no experience necessary. A great opportunity to exercise, improve coordination, and have fun.

MSEC

Material Science Engineering club. All majors invited to join. jeperkin@mines.edu.

Newman Group

Catholic Newman Group. Meets every Monday at 7pm in the Ted Adams Room of the Green Center for faith based discussion and community. ccooper@mines.edu for more info.

ORC

Outdoor Rec. Center. Recreation, equipment and lessons. Visit ORC next to C3 store in Mines Park. Hours: Mon. Wed. and Fri. from 10-6, Tues. and Thurs. from 12-6. 303-273-3184

PHATES

Peers Helping Aid in Tough Everyday Situations. "We are listening..." Dedicated to listening to your problems. Mel Kirk, Student Development Center 303-273-3377.

SCA

Students for Creative Anachronism. Fencing meets Thrus. 7-9 in the Field House. Belly & court dance Tues. 7-9 in SC. dhoberec@mines.edu.

Sigma Lambda

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of Every Month Student Center -- 236
EVERYONE WELCOME: gay, bisexual, transgendered & allies. sigmalambda@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers

Need a ride home on Fri. or Sat. night between 9 pm & 3 am? Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program 303-279-9951. Must be within 15 min. of campus.

SWE

Society of Women Engineers. Hear from speakers in industry, universities etc. on topics affecting women & students at Mines. Weds. 12 CO 209 jnekuda@mines.edu.

Club Tennis

New members welcome for info, email Megan Shibao at mshibao@mines.edu.

Women's Ultimate

Come out and join the Women's Club Ultimate Team. This team

was founded in 2005-2006 and is looking for women who want to both have fun and learn about ultimate. No prior skill required. For more information and practice times/locations contact Terra Williamson at tewillia@mines.edu or Jennifer Nekuda at jnekuda@mines.edu

Most club web pages can be accessed through http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/ or by searching the www.mines.edu website.

Top Ten Reasons I came to CSM:

10. My riting skilz are xsepsional?

9. I got lost on my way to Boulder.

8. I wanted to "get to know" my calculator

7. Life Goal #2.72: Carry 10 lb rock up mountain.

6. I want to build tomorrow's mistakes – today.

5. Driving a train is the greatest job in the world!

4. I like pi.

3. Who needs people when you have homework?

2. The world revolves around me; I pick the coordinate system.

1. Coors Lab

Courtesy of ASCE

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Check us out @ www.mines.edu/Stu_life/pub/csmoredig/
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All Life-Threatening Emergencies: 911
Public Safety
Public safety concerns, suspicious incidents, crimes & emergencies 1812 Illinois Street (NW corner of Illinois & 19th) 303-273-3333 24/7
Student Health Center
Routine medical and dental issues 1225 17th Street (SE corner of Elm and 17th) 303-273-3381 8 am -12 pm & 1 pm - 4:45 pm M-F
Student Development Services
Personal, academic, career, and crisis counseling. Student Center, Suite 8 (behind the Cashier) 303-273-3377 M-F 8-5
Comitis Crisis Center
Suicide and crisis intervention hotline & emergency shelter assistance 303-343-9890 24/7
National Suicide Hotline
Suicide and crisis intervention hotline 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) 24/7

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Come Join the Astronom Club for a star party on September 22nd in the Mountains! Enjoy the brilliant night sky with other astronomers. \$6 for non-members and free for members. Contact Mark Gefreh for details at mgefh@mines.edu

International Film Night
Schedule

5 Sept	Seven Samurai
19 Sept	Les Choristes
3 Oct	City of God
17 Oct	Memories of Murder
14 Nov	Children of Heaven
28 Nov	The Dinner Game

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